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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PROTEST OVER ACTIVITIES OF SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT

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1. BY 1100 HOURS GMT JANUARY 11 LIBYANS HAD NOT MADE THEIR PROTEST TO US OVER ACTIVITIES OF SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT JANUARY 10 PUBLIC. WE DO NOT KNOW WHY THEY ARE HOLDING BACK, BUT IT MAY BE THAT THEY ARE WAITING FOR AN ANSWER TO THEIR NOTE BEFORE GOING PUBLIC WITH THEIR CHARGES.

2. WE ALSO DO NOT KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED YESTERDAY, BUT FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT IT SEEMS THAT A PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE LIBYAN NOTE IS IN ORDER. WE SUGGEST THAT IN OUR ANSWER WE AVOID DEBATING FACTS WITH LIBYANS, POINT IS NOT SO MUCH WHETHER SIXTH FLEET AIRCRAFT HAD RIGHT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO BE WHERE THEY WERE (WE ASSUME THEY DID), BUT THAT QADHAFI THINKS WE ARE TRYING TO INTIMIDATE HIM, AT WORST THAT WE ARE PREPARING AN INVASION. RECENT FRENCH TELEVISION PROGRAM ON SIXTH FLEET "CONTINGENCY PLANNING" DOES NOT HELP MATTERS -- NESA WIRELESS FILE NO. 7 JAN 10).

3. WITH THESE THINGS IN MIND, WE PROPOSE A REPLY TO THE LIBYAN NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, AND
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HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE OF JANUARY 10, WHICH

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HAS RECEIVED CAREFUL STUDY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT WHILE U.S. AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL UNITS CONDUCT

FROM TIME TO TIME MANEUVERS IN INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE AND IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, THESE ACTIVITIES ARE IN NO WAY DIRECTED AGAINST ANY COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES, AND THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC. THESE ACTIVITIES PRESENT NO DANGER TO CIVIL AVIATION.

B. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO REAFFIRM TO THE MINISTRY AT THE SAME TIME ANY POSITIVE INITIATIVES ON THE PART OF THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING).

4. WE WILL TAKE NO ACTION WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT. ANY MESSAGE TO US ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE SENT NIACT IMMEDIATE. STEIN

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